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## 'CATASTROPHIC AND OPERATIONALLY IMPOSSIBLE' - TOWN HALL OVER BUDGET CUTS TURNS FIERY

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On Monday, March 4, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., President Radenka Maric and other key members of the University of Connecticut administration, including CFO Jeffrey Geoghegan and Provost Anne D'Alleva, hosted their third University Town Hall Meeting of the semester. This town hall, like its virtual counterparts in January and February, aimed to give students and faculty the opportunity to discuss the state of UConn's budget with the university's top officials.

In the midst of a potential budget crisis which UConn plans to relieve with an across-the-board 15% reduction in operating support costs, administrators and faculty have been tirelessly lobbying the state government to provide an increase in state support. Those present in the Student Union Theater were almost overwhelmingly opposed to the administration's policy regarding cuts, prompting a number of impassioned speeches and, in some cases, out-of-turn outbursts, from those present.

Administrators began the public forum with an update regarding their work in the Connecticut legislature, where they have focused on imploring the state and Governor Ned Lamont to address the shortfall.

"The legislature's Appropriations Committee is deliberating on the Governor's proposed budget," said Joann Lombardo, UConn's Senior Director of Governmental Relations. "They have until the beginning of April to make a determination on whether or not they will adopt his budget."

Lombardo encouraged the UConn community to participate in UConn Strong, an advo-

cacy organization that promotes the value of the university to the state of Connecticut, noting their own grassroots lobbying is limited by their status as a state entity. As of March 4, UConn Strong has sent more than a quarter of a million emails to community and business leaders across the state, and provided on-campus tours and visits for legislators.

"I think they're listening," said Provost D'Alleva on the topic of the legislature's reception to UConn's proposals. "We share with them the value of the university. Every legislator receives from us a local impact statement of how much value residents from their towns receive from the university."

President Maric noted that last year, UConn's budget shortfall numbered \$160 million, but the university was able to successfully lobby legislators and the Governor to address it. Administrators hope negotiations will result in the same outcome this year.

"We have 86 meetings booked with individual legislators," Maric said. "Each time we go there we promote the value of UConn."

Most in attendance, however, were not convinced by the university's arguments, and expressed a number of concerns with their approach.

"Last year, we were in a \$160 million shortfall that was thankfully solved by the legislature, but it doesn't seem like anything has changed to address whatever problems caused it," said Professor of Mathematics Álvaro Lozano-Robledo. "I don't see that there's any plan to actually end this never-ending budget crisis."

Lozano-Robledo's concerns also involved a lack of transparency

from the administration regarding UConn's budgetary problems.

"There have been all sorts of cluster hires, hires in departments, all sorts of internal grants before I heard the news in late December," he said, noting that nothing from the administration appeared to indicate a budget crisis before the news was revealed; if anything, the opposite was true.

President Maric listed off fundraising, new revenue generators, enrollment, and efficiency as long-term plans to financially stabilize UConn. One such revenue generator mentioned by Provost D'Alleva is the recently approved online Master's degree program in Social Work, which she projects will bring UConn up to speed with top competitors in the academic landscape.

Another concern from faculty involved a new "Common Curriculum," the university's proposed revision of current general education requirements and content areas.

"I teach one of the most popular general education courses at the university, and every year I teach hundreds of STEM majors about the humanities," one professor in the English and Literatures, Cultures, and Languages departments testified. "I teach them creativity, I teach them to laugh in class."

"I will not be able to teach that course as a TOI (Topic of Inquiry 1 in the new Common Curriculum), which is scheduled to be without TAs. If I'm forced to go to a model where I'm teaching a very large class with no TAs, and it's impossible to imagine this won't happen with the scale of the cuts, it will become a multiple choice exam class."

"I will have to tell my students: you are being cheated and

you are being lied to. This class cannot deliver on what it proposed to do any more without small group instruction."

A common worry regarding the new budget cuts is that they will contribute to an increase in class sizes and elimination of discussion sections, exacerbated by the potential downsizing of graduate student programs, and therefore, TA positions as well.

"We do not have that kind of discretionary money," said History professor Peter Baldwin. "A cut even of half that size would mean the elimination of the graduate program [in History]... which means enormous class sizes."

"I do want to acknowledge how difficult it must be for you, to be facing a group of angry faculty and students," Baldwin said. "while you're presiding over the decline of the University of Connecticut."

This language was echoed by American Studies professor Melanie Newport, who questioned how the UConn administration planned to "rationalize catastrophic and operationally impossible cuts to departments as an intellectual project."

She ended her remarks with an encapsulation of the widespread frustration, disillusionment, and outrage amongst professors, staff, and students towards university leadership.

"How do you plan to retain or regain the trust of the faculty after destroying UConn's intellectual mission?"

"We are a team, we are going to remain strong," Maric concluded. "We are going to convey that message and we are going to be persistent in our message of the value of UConn education."

## FOUR TIER III'S REQUEST FEE INCREASES

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Four of the six undergraduate Tier III organizations at the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus - Undergraduate Student Government (USG), UConn Student Television (UCTV), Nutmeg Publishing and The Daily Campus - have requested a fee increase this year.

Students will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed fee increases in the Referenda section of the 2024 Joint Elections ballot, which can be found on UConn's website. If an organization's increase is approved, it would go into effect as soon as the Fall 2025 undergraduate student fee bill.

Each Tier III organization's fee makes up a portion of the Student Activity fee on the semesterly undergraduate fee bill. Currently, all Tier III fees are \$45 for USG, \$5 for UCTV, \$4 for Nutmeg, \$10 for The Daily Campus, \$9 for WHUS Radio and \$23 for the Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG).

USG is asking for a \$10 increase from \$45 to \$55 per semester, UCTV is requesting a \$3 increase from \$5 to \$8, Nutmeg is requesting a \$2 increase from \$4 to \$6 and The Daily Campus is asking for an increase of \$4, from \$10 to \$14.

According to USG Comptroller Ben Keilty, USG has already had to close its Tier II funding this year, which is much earlier than in previous years, largely due to a lack of funds to the organization. In an email to students on Monday, Keilty said USG's budget "has not increased in nearly a decade," adding that any additional funding from the COVID-19 pandemic was allocated to Tier II funding as well as food insecurity initiatives.

"We do not have the financial resources that we need in order to meet student demand long term," Keilty said in an interview.

Keilty mentioned that the total amount of funding requests by Tier II organizations came out to around \$1.2 million last year. This year, USG had only \$900,000 available to give out, resulting in the early closing of the Tier II funding system, according to Keilty.

"Without an increase to the USG budget long term, we're looking at a number somewhere between \$700,000 and \$800,000 for what USG can give out to clubs and that, we have established, is not enough," Keilty added.

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Town Hall meeting taking place at the Student Union Theatre in Storrs, Conn. on March 4, 2024. Radenka Maric, UConn's president, was in attendance.

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# USG ELECTIONS

## Election for Undergraduate Student Trustee opens today

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The University of Connecticut election for Undergraduate Student Trustee is set to take place from today at noon until noon on Thursday.

Five candidates are competing for a voting seat on UConn's Board of Trustees, which votes on university funding of major development projects,

tuition and university by-laws. The seat has been previously held by Anya Mehta, who is now running for graduate student trustee, the other seat on the board held by a student. Turnout in UConn's elections has been historically low, hovering around 10%.

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## Presidential elections over next two days

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The UConn Undergraduate Student Government (USG) presidential elections are set to be held this week, with voting beginning at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5 and running until 12 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. The presidential election

will be available through the general Vote@UConn ballot, which will include other elections and referendums such as the election for student trustee as well as referendum on tier-III funding requests.

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According to UCTV Chief Financial Officer Vivian Qiu, this year's request for a fee increase has to do with the rising costs of equipment and maintenance, as well as the need for the organization to "grow to support more opportunities and projects for students."

"The proposed fee increase is vital for UCTV to maintain and improve its offerings," Qiu said in a statement. "It would support access to quality equipment, facilitate attendance at media conferences, and provide comprehensive equipment training. Additionally, it would enable UCTV to continue offering free student-run recording and filming services, enhancing the student experience and fostering a vibrant creative community."

UCTV Chief Executive Officer Patrick Carlon emphasized the importance of expanding UCTV's sports coverage and inability to do so without the additional funds.

"Additionally, expanding travel opportunities, such as coverage of mens and womens basketball and football games nationwide and attendance at the prestigious NAB conference in Las Vegas, is imperative," Carlon wrote in a statement. "However, the rising costs associated with such endeavors necessitate additional funding to sustain these invaluable experiences."

Skyler Kim, Nutmeg's Editor-In-Chief, said the organization requires more funds to be able to expand event coverage that contributes to each

yearbook, emphasizing that the size of the student body has increased year by year and Nutmeg's contract has gone up in price.

"Our yearbook requires a particular contract and with the scale of the school getting bigger and bigger...that contract has gone up in price," Kim said in an interview. "We're trying to get more work done so that we can cover more events and improve our community outreach, because the whole goal with the yearbook is that you cover as much as you can and create a sense of what the culture was for that year specifically."

Previously, Nutmeg had been approved for a \$1 increase in 2019, resulting in the current \$4 fee amount. In 2019,

the minimum wage was much lower than it is now, which Kim cited as another reason the fee increase is necessary.

The Daily Campus' Business Manager Naiiya Patel said the decision to request a fee increase comes from prior financial analysis that showed the organization is now spending more than it makes each year.

"Because we had a surplus from the [pandemic] when we weren't printing for a few months we had saved up, and that made it look like we had a lot of money right now," Patel said in an interview. "But as soon as that surplus decreased, we would be spending more than we were getting and then eventually going into a deficit."

Patel added that while The Daily Campus has been able to create content, it hasn't been at the desired level due to a variety of factors.

"We've been able to create content to a certain level, but not to the level that we would like where we could cover every single story that we're asked to cover," Patel said. "We would like to go back to some of the things we used to do like more travel for every single section [rather than just Sports]. Our biggest thing is that we want to hire more people to increase our staff and produce a greater quality of work."

Patel also said that with more employees working, the organization would be able to start its video section again.

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Candidates widely agree on a number of issues, with disagreements revolving mostly around priorities. Communication appears to be at the forefront of many candidates' minds, with candidate Zachary Boudah saying, "I think all of the- my colleagues on the ballot, I think we all have the same thing in our platform which is 'communication' and it's up to you to determine if you believe anybody or not."

Another candidate, Eric Meade, has the campaign slogan 'ACTS,' which stands for 'Accountability, Communication, Transparency and Sustainability.' He also raised the issue of communication between the undergraduate student trustee and UConn students, saying "I just felt there was more room for communication with students."

Sustainability is another widely agreed upon issue, with candidates Meade and Sean Dunn both being members of Fossil Fuel Free UConn. Boudah thought that there was widespread agreement among candidates. "This is another thing that I think that all of the other candidates and myself all agree on is that UConn's climate change agenda has been failing for years and years and years. We've been saying we're going to go carbon neutral. We've been saying we're going to go carbon zero, but we're not making any tangible progress," Boudah said.

Regional campus issues received varying degrees of attention from candidates, with Avery Point's student body president Boudah being the only candidate running from a regional campus. If elected, he would be the first undergraduate student trustee from a regional campus. Nahum Valiente transferred to Storrs from Stamford Campus, where he was Stamford's student body president.

Boudah discussed university bylaws, saying, "there's

never really been a true regional campus presence within the administration until this year, thanks to my work on the University Senate and amending university and University Senate bylaws. Until now, we've been left out of the conversation, forgotten about, left behind. And I think it's time for that to end, and I think that it's time for us to finally move forward."

Valiente raised issues with high transfer and dropout rates from students transferring to Storrs from regional campuses. Both raised food insecurity issues for regional campus students. Boudah stated that Husky Harvest was "a step in the right direction," and agreed with Valiente who said that there are nutrition issues with food available. Valiente also said that UConn did not adequately publicize available Dean's Office resources, such as UConn Swipes, which is a program by which food insecure students can get 25 meal swipes per semester.

Discrimination and death threats directed at UConn's Muslim and Palestinian students were addressed by students to varying degrees. Current undergraduate student trustee Mehta said in a written statement that the most important thing that she had done on the Board was to be "an advocate for Palestinian and Muslim students." Valiente listed on his Instagram his policy of "making students feel safe in the light of violent and racist threats made against those who were peacefully and rightfully expressing their voice on global issues."

Dunn and Boudah also raised the issue of hate directed towards UConn's Muslim students, with Boudah saying, "we need to be increasing the amount of resources that we are offering those students because frankly

they're going through one of the most traumatic experiences of their lives right now. And we, as a university, need to take care of our own." Boudah also prioritized divesting from Israel, saying, "We need to de-invest every dime we have in Israel."

Dunn and Haritha Subramanian raised mental health issues as a priority, with Dunn making mental health and student services one of his four policy categories on his Instagram account. He wanted to centralize care to one building and said, "long term therapy, I'm super passionate about that." Subramanian said that she wanted mental healthcare to be "identity driven and culturally respectful." She also stated that SHAW Mental Health was "understaffed" and lacked necessary resources, and that she wants higher funding for cultural centers.

Meade was the first candidate to raise the issue of transport to regional campuses, spending for which is not capped, saying that when he ran for undergraduate student trustee last year, he did not have a car, making it inaccessible for him to get to other campuses. Subramanian said that there was an "inherent inequity if they don't fund" transport. When asked why UConn did not include travel as a campaign expenditure (which would result in a spending cap), Student Trustee Election Committee chair Krista O'Brien said in a written statement that "STEC financial expenditure policies mirror the existing policies at UConn for travel/commuting to campuses."

More information on each of these candidates can be found at vote.uconn.edu and at their campaign Instagram accounts. Meade's account is ericfortrustee, Boudah's is boudahfortrustee, Dunn's is dunn4trustee, Subramanian's is haritha4trustee and Valiente's is nahum.for.trustee.

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# Changing of the collar: Jonathan XIV retires, XV named official mascot

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This past Sunday, thunderous applause roared throughout Gampel Pavilion at halftime during the men's basketball senior day celebration. The spirited occasion marked the official retirement of beloved University of Connecticut mascot, Jonathan the Husky XIV. Officiated by President Radenka Maric, his younger brother Jonathan XV was sworn in as the next official mascot with the "changing of the collar."

Jonathan XIV, a purebred Siberian husky dog, arrived on campus in August 2014. He began his mascot duties at the age of ten months, to the delight of students and alumni alike. After a decade of being UConn's top dog, XIV posted an announcement on Feb. 26 of his intention to retire into a simpler career as 'mascot emeritus.' However, he assured UConn Na-

tion of his commitment to continuing to teach Jonathan XV the ropes and that he will still be appearing at campus events alongside his younger brother, with some more zoomies, naps and dates with his best girl Officer Tildy at the UConn Dairy Bar for good measure.

The official UConn Huskies athletic social media followed up by posting Jonathan XIV's tenure of achievements, including seven NCAA national championships, 24 Big East and 11 AAC tournament championships, two football bowl games, dozens of regular season championships and more.

"He loves the pep band, he loves the fans. When people are clapping, he thinks it's for him, which makes him really excited," said Laura Centanni, co-chair of the APO Husky Committee, in speaking of XIV on WFSB Channel 3's public affairs show CT-24 with Eric Parker. The program regularly broadcasts UConn achievements and dedicated

their 'Sunday Spotlight' segment to Jonathan XIV this week.

In many ways, the fans are clapping for Jonathan. On social media posts and videos commemorating ten years since XIV's arrival at UConn, hundreds of his fans provided an outpouring of messages of support and love. In fact, his pages regularly receive tens of thousands of likes and shares - with just fewer than 140 thousand combined Facebook and Instagram followers - not to mention all the in-person love he has received at UConn athletic events, club and organization-sponsored activities and frequent media appearances over the years.

"It's hard to see him step down... after all these years, he's family," said Centanni. "But I really think he will enjoy his retirement."

UConn Today also published a feature on Jonathan XV's promotion to official mascot, writing "Jonathan XV has been quickly adapting to life in the limelight, becoming more confident every day

as he's approached by adoring fans during his walks around campus with Jonathan XIV. That confidence also shines in crowds."

Since 1934, the legacy of Jonathan the Husky has lived on through a long line of handsome pups. Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a co-ed service fraternity on campus, has char-

tered the dynasty for over 50 years, with frequent walks, organized excursions, enrichment and exercise activities in collaboration with a local host family who care for the boys' daily needs. The huskies are named in honor of "Brother Jonathan" Trumbull, the first colonial governor of Connecticut.



Jonathan XIV bows his head to his successor, Jonathan XV. This transition of power occurred peacefully on Sunday, March 3, 2024. PHOTO COURTESY OF @JONATHANTHEHUSKY ON INSTAGRAM

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There are four student tickets running for student body president and vice president this year: Bryan Bussolari & Olivia DeLuca, Jada Lexie & Heaven Buckham, Lorien Touponse & Arunima Chaturvedi and Mariam Vargas & Anna Charles. According to the Spring 2024 Election Packet provided by USG, the president shall ensure "the overall effectiveness of USG and progress towards goals." These four tickets provided comment to the Daily Campus regarding how they plan to change the organization, how they plan to advocate for students in the wake of budget cuts and their vision for the future.

Additionally, the candidates were asked to summarize their remarks for each question to under 100 words due to physical space constraints. There is an additional version of this article available on [dailycampus.com](http://dailycampus.com) that will include the full responses given by the candidates.

**Bryan Bussolari & Olivia DeLuca**

Q: Many students have expressed dissatisfaction with USG, what will your administration do to address community concerns with the organization?

A: We agree! We are both dissatisfied with the lack of action from USG. Oftentimes, USG candidates promise enormous goals of advocacy and shifts to campus culture that unfortunately, USG often doesn't have the power to do. Students hold very important power and influence through USG, and it is an organization that can push for real change. We believe that dissatisfaction is cured with results. The Transfer Student Welcome Program, Fireside Chats, Employment Transparency, the Academic Bill of Rights, etc. are all changes USG is capable of making, and are beneficial changes that every student will notice in their daily lives.

Q: There is likely to be much contention with university administration over potential budget cuts affecting students in the following years, how will your administration fight for students and funding?

A: We should begin by stating that at the end of the day, it is administration's responsibility to secure additional funding for our university. The burden of fighting for millions of dollars should not be placed on undergraduate students who already have enough on their plates as it is. Our administration will communicate the anxieties and concerns of undergraduate students to both administration and the university senate, and we will continue to work with the External Affairs committee to bring students who are willing to protest and speak at the capital when students have a responsibility to be there.

Q: Finally, are there any new programs or initiatives that you plan to spearhead or begin if elected?

A: The Transfer Student Welcome Program, Fireside Chats, Employment Transparency, the Academic Bill of Rights, Financial literacy in UNIV classes, Open and accessible syllabus repository, Expanding T2 Funding staff, Increasing the trash cans and bottle fillers on campus, menstrual products in all bathrooms, and communal scooters on campus are all projects that we are excited to hit the ground running on starting day 1. All of these projects are small but important changes that every student will see in your daily life. We look forward to including others when leading these projects, and ultimately making campus a better place for everyone.

**Jada Lexie & Heaven Buckham**

Q: Many students have expressed dissatisfaction with USG, what will your administration do to address community concerns with the organization?

A: As part of my administration, we are committed to actively listening to the voices of our students and addressing their concerns effectively. It is imperative that the issues plaguing our campus receive the attention they deserve. To facilitate this, we will be implementing monthly forums titled "What pisses you off?" providing students with a platform to express their grievances and ensuring that these matters are taken seriously by the administration.

Q: There is likely to be much contention with university administration over potential budget cuts affecting students in the following years, how will your administration fight for students and funding?

A: In crafting our strategic plan, the foremost consideration is the welfare of our students. While specifics are yet to be finalized, I can assure you that no measure will be implemented that compromises the well-being of our student body. It is imperative that we advocate for our collective interests and ensure that the higher administration acknowledges our significance to the university. Budgetary constraints must not be allowed to undermine our unity. Rest assured, I am committed to fostering cohesion within our community and resolving budgetary concerns in a manner that prioritizes our students' needs. I'm running my campaign on united us again.. why would I want to destroy that?

Q: Finally, are there any new programs or initiatives that you plan to spearhead or begin if elected?

A key focus of my administration will be supporting students on academic probation, recognizing the challenges they face in transitioning from high school to college. We aim to bolster the resources available on campus, ensuring that students receive the assistance they require to thrive academically. Our goal is to cultivate a nurturing environment within the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), where students feel valued and supported. Central to this initiative is the resto-

ration of unity within our community, where students can trust that their representatives are dedicated to effecting positive change.

**Lorien Touponse & Arunima Chaturvedi**

Q: Many students have expressed dissatisfaction with USG, what will your administration do to address community concerns with the organization?

This dissatisfaction has been something I've been thinking about since I started working in USG. We're planning to tackle this divide in two ways. First, an RSO outreach program where senators proactively approach clubs periodically. "What issues, concerns, or goals do you have? How can we help?" Second, posting about our events AFTER they occur - which holds us accountable and invites students to attend future events. This is a way for USG to go to our very busy student body instead of expecting them to come to us, giving students the ability to give us feedback without having to seek us out.

Q: There is likely to be much contention with university administration over potential budget cuts affecting students in the following years, how will your administration fight for students and funding?

Administration spends lots of money, they don't do it transparently or particularly well. We have an opportunity to be at those meetings where they discuss tuition and budget - we're done leaving this behind closed doors. Inside the meeting, we want to share student voices, testimonies, and data. Outside the meetings, we want to be VERY clear about what is happening, and invite / encourage unified advocacy on fighting these things. Specifically on rising tuition, the next tuition planning board will convene as soon as the next USG president is inaugurated. We will be at every single meeting fighting for tuition freezes.

Q: Finally, are there any new programs or initiatives that you plan to spearhead or begin if elected?

Yes! Our overarching principle and largest initiative is to return USG back to its advocacy roots by bringing resources to students and clubs directly instead of them having come to us. We want to directly work with our advocacy groups on campus to help them achieve their goals. The point of USG is to advocate for students. We can only do that if we are actively working with and for the student body. Some specific goals are to create an online resource hub with all UConn resources that will streamline accessibility in navigating University resources. Also, working to streamline the bias reporting structure for students who have experienced bias related incidents or sexual assault.

**Mariam Vargas & Anna Charles**

Q: Many students have expressed dissatisfaction with USG, what will your administration do

to address community concerns with the organization?

Anna and I have both experienced dissatisfaction with USG. While I am familiar with the system, Anna brings a valuable "outsider" perspective, offering fresh insights. Our goal is to repair campus relationships, especially with minority groups, as we understand their discontent since we are part of these communities, which is why we decided to run. Knowing that there is a lot of red tape in the funding system, we aim to streamline the process. Working with the Comptroller's office we hope to make funding more accessible. Drawing from our experiences as presidents of RSOs we uniquely notice the cracks in the system and want to address them appropriately.

Q: There is likely to be much contention with university administration over potential budget cuts affecting students in the following years, how will your administration fight for students and funding?

Addressing budget concerns, despite cuts, funding is already there but must be redistributed, with students in mind first. The administration's lack of transparency and deflection of questions are issues we'll confront. Our approach isn't about making connections and friends with admin like other candidates but making sure we are advocating exactly for what students want and need. We want fiscal responsibility, questioning decisions like underutilizing Science 1 when it cost 200 million dollars. Over-enrollment exacerbates problems, leading to issues like housing insecurity. As low-income out-of-state students we both understand and have personal stakes in the matter of the financial burden of rising tuition and related costs.

Q: Finally, are there any new programs or initiatives that you plan to spearhead or begin if elected?

If elected, I'll release a living-breathing resource document, a project in the works since October, gathering diverse resources for various campus issues and other opportunities. This resource will still be released even if not elected. We'll advocate for housing security, recognizing the absence of campus support for housing-insecure students. Finally we want to ensure a smooth transition for low-income, minority, and first-gen students from high school to college, addressing the challenges they face. Drawing from personal experience as a student from the Dominican Republic, I understand the importance of accessible resources, ensuring students are aware and supported during their first semester is critical.

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# This Week In History: March 3 - March 9

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Hello, and welcome back to This Week in History. Each week of this column I attempt to find a theme among events, or if there isn't a clear congruence, I focus on standout or impactful moments. After doing so for over a year now, I feel that when taking a step back and looking at the patterns across several weeks in a row, it's almost as if each month of the year has a theme.

January and February are months of promise, endurance and progress. For instance, last week I covered former President John Tyler's shocking experience aboard a simple boating excursion and his desperate attempt to reach his unconscious lover. Likewise, in 2021, the former writer of the column, Gino Giansanti, covered pivotal moments such as the Salem Witch Trials and the interception of the Zimmerman Telegram. While I don't want to cover events Giansanti already did so well, in line with such pivotal history in the column, I've found three momentous historical occasions that are befitting of March. This week in history, we'll be looking at three speeches, each with its own remarkable context.

In March 1865, the United States was entering its first year in nearly five, as the "United" States. Incumbent President Abraham Lincoln entered into his second term as president, comfortable with his support base and looking to rebuild a country that he fought so hard to restore.

Now, Lincoln is a standout name in the history books, but can the same be said about Hannibal Hamlin? To many, his name

certainly doesn't share the same significance, but Hamlin was Lincoln's vice president throughout his first term. While overshadowed by Lincoln, Vice President Hamlin has a unique history of his own, which, while out of the scope of this column, is worth looking into. Nevertheless, he would be replaced for Lincoln's second term, by a Southern Democrat, Andrew Johnson.

Johnson may be familiar to many for his largely disjointed approach to reconstruction in the late 1860s — but that was after Lincoln's assassination. In March 1865, Johnson was being sworn in as vice president, accompanied by the outgoing Hamlin and the returning Lincoln.

The soon-to-be vice president was quite a character. Despite being a member of the House of Representatives representing Tennessee's 1st district for 10 years and later a governor of the state, Johnson refused to side with the state as it seceded in 1861. Johnson aligned with the Union's cause, casting him

out of the South's favor, who now deemed him a traitor.

By 1865, with the war largely over and Hamlin's vice presidency being rather ineffective, Lincoln — the great compromiser that he was — saw Johnson as a link between the now shakily reunited North and South. With Johnson as his running mate, Lincoln would have more pulling power over Southern Democrats who were desperate to have some voice in the restored government.

And so, we arrive at Capitol Hill early on March 4, muddy after long spells of rain. Thousands gathered around to hear

Johnson in the days leading up to the speech. Lincoln told one member of his cabinet, "I have known Andy Johnson for many years; he made a bad slip the other day, but you need not be scared; Andy ain't a drunkard."

Once again, Lincoln's outstanding ability to make the best of a bad situation helped preserve Johnson's career — his impeachment was proposed soon after his inaugural address, but soon was prevented as Lincoln and Johnson appeared to be effective with each other.

Now, March was a common month for U.S. Presidential inaugurations, but

elections. For instance, another interesting example actually features President Tyler. While not this week in history, Tyler's inaugural address took place on April 6, 1841 rather than the usual date of March 4, as it was the first unscheduled inauguration as a result of the unexpected passing of President William Henry Harrison.

The final speech that occurred this week in history comes from one of the most monumental figures of the 20th century. Before we dive into this final speech, presidential ineptitude is a recurring theme as the U.S. enters

British statesman and Winston Churchill took the floor. The former British Prime Minister took the podium:

"I am glad to come to Westminster College this afternoon, and am complimented that you should give me a degree," Churchill said. "The name 'Westminster' is somehow familiar to me. I seem to have heard of it before. Indeed, it was at Westminster that I received a very large part of my education in politics, dialectic, rhetoric, and one or two other things." With those opening lines, Churchill's sense of humor and character radiated through an audience who was both intent on hearing the man's words, while also clapping at any given pause.

Churchill's speech, titled "The Sinews of Peace" is one of history's greatest insights into the post-war era. You may not be familiar with that title, or Churchill's presence in Missouri, but you most likely have heard the phrase "the iron curtain."

"From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent," Churchill firmly remarks after a pause. He follows rather coldly, "Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe. Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest and Sofia, all these famous cities and the populations around them lie in what I must call the Soviet sphere, and all are subject in one form or another, not only to Soviet influence but to a very high and, in many cases, increasing measure of control from Moscow." Notice how Churchill says that he "must" call those regions as being part of the Soviet sphere, there is an apprehensiveness

in his writing and tone.

Now, since this has already been a lengthy article, I recommend you listen to the speech which lasts about an hour to further understand Churchill's thoughts. The speech encompasses so much about the state of Europe, and in particular, reveals the insights of a man who lived through early days of British global imperialism, the horrors of the First World War, and the absolute catastrophe of WWII. At the foundation of his speech lies this one truth — Churchill is a man who yearns to never see war again. The full speech can be read at [www.nationalchurchillmuseum.org](http://www.nationalchurchillmuseum.org).

And with that, This Week in History comes to a close. Hopefully the warm weather and final days leading up to spring break treat you well, the next issue of the column will be out when we return from break. Until then, best of luck with midterms and have a rejuvenating week off!



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the inauguration of Lincoln — but Johnson's speech was first.

Johnson stumbled to the podium, could barely make out the thousands of people scattered in front of him and incoherently uttered, "I am a plebian. I glory in it." Then a pause, followed by a stumble. Johnson continued, saying, "I am a-going for to tell you here today, yes today, in this place, the people are everything."

Hamlin, standing right alongside Johnson, desperately tugged at his replacement's suit. The smell of whisky was no doubt reeking from Johnson's coarse lips. After 20 minutes of further rambling, Johnson held up the Bible on which he was to swear his oath, and kissed it.

Lincoln, rightfully upset with this debacle, quickly spoke to Congress and his cabinet about Johnson's character. To Lincoln, it was impossible to fight the common perception that Johnson had an alcohol problem, with the spectaholing the vice president's reputation. However, as Lincoln was aware, the drinking was actually an attempt to help combat a cold and tiredness that had overcome

since Franklin Delano Roosevelt's second term, Jan. 20 has been the most common date. This is due to term cycle changes in the 20th Amendment passed in January 1933, shifting terms from March 4 to Jan. 20. So, although a serious blunder, Johnson's speech at least was given on the correct date, March 4.

The same cannot be said for Zachary Taylor, 12th President of the U.S. — and not to be confused with John Tyler, as I often do. In 1849, March 4 fell on a Sunday, and for Taylor, a devout Christian, setting Sunday aside for religious observance took priority over giving his speech.

It turns out, Taylor is not the first president to do so. During the inauguration of President James Monroe for his second term, the returning president pushed the date of his address to occur on Monday, March 5, 1821.

While Taylor's speech was certainly interesting, it was nothing out of the ordinary; what I find more fascinating here is the different interruptions to the inauguration which have taken place over the many U.S. presidential

election season. Presidents feel distant and out-of-touch, to put it lightly, which is a frequent point of contention in modern elections.

So, with that context in mind, doesn't it feel weird to imagine a president speaking before a lecture at a university? Of course, President Biden visited UConn for the Dodd Center's rededication ceremony in 2021, and Trump had done similar talks at other universities during his term; but, those were one-off occasions and students were sidelined.

History, however, shows that this disconnect between presidents and university students is not a constant theme. This week in history, on March 5, 1946, President Harry Truman spoke at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

Now, President Truman was speaking to the student and faculty body at Westminster, a fairly small yet prestigious university, but he wasn't the "headliner" per say. After an introduction by university President Dr. Franc L. McCluer, and some brief words by Truman, the

# MAPLE madness REACHES CT

## With Festivals, tours AND SYRUP in march



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As March greets Connecticut, a variety of outdoor springtime events will be held in and around our community. It also marks a peak in the sugaring season, the time when maple trees allow their sap to be extracted and processed into tasty maple syrup. This year, the Maple Syrup Producers Association of Connecticut (MSPAC) has christened March “maple month,” and many events are being held to celebrate all things maple.

Eastern CT Maple Festival - March 9-10

Downtown Storrs, Storrs-Mansfield, Conn.

The first festival of the season is right in our neighborhood. The Eastern CT Maple Festival is hosted by the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce, and will be held primarily at E.O. Smith High School on Storrs Road (Route 195) here in Storrs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

According to the event’s Facebook page, over 100 vendors will be in attendance, with local food trucks providing lots of maple-flavored treats amongst other artisan foods, and other vendors offering handmade wares like candles, soap, jewelry and knits. A variety of family activities, crafts and a bouncy house will be there too. UConn students should be on the lookout for the raffles and contests these vendors often host for items and services.

Live music and maple sugaring demonstrations from

local producers are also planned, alongside presentations on the history of maple syrup in Connecticut and how you can use maple products in your cooking.

For visitors, there will be limited parking in the Dog Lane garage and free parking and a shuttle from the ECSU Baseball Stadium on Mansfield City Road near the East Brook Mall. UConn students should walk down and visit to kick off their spring break festivities in maple style.

Hebron Maple Festival - March 16-17

Main Street, Hebron, Conn.

Maple celebrations have been held in the Hebron community for over 20 years. Just a short drive from UConn, this year’s Hebron Maple Festival is presented by the Hebron Town Center Project and will be held in and around the Douglas Memorial Library and Plaza on Main Street (Route 66) in Hebron from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Highlights include activities and handcrafted wares for sale such as wooden products, baked goods, jewelry and more in the Douglas community room and treats and snacks from the Flour Girl Bakery and Café and other food vendors. In addition, an exhibition of local artisans and crafters is to be held at the nearby Gilead Congregational Church. Visitors will also be able to meet a live mermaid, see Eeyore and other animals, watch the tractor parade and visit the Hebron Historical Society in the old town hall for a quilting show.

There are plenty of opportunities to be a part of maple sugaring in Hebron during the festival, with shuttles to four different farms and sugarhouses that will be providing tours, demonstrations and maple experiences. Updates will be posted to the event’s Facebook page with exciting additions and promotions at nearby stores and restaurants.

Public parking will be available at RHAM High School on nearby Wall Street with a shuttle to and from Main Street and the other festival locations.

Other Maple Events in Connecticut

Throughout the rest of March and April, a variety of other towns in Connecticut (and throughout New England) will be hosting maple festivities and sugarhouses will be sponsoring tours, pancake breakfasts and other fun activities. Lyman Orchards in Middlefield will be offering a “pancake palace” experience, Parmelee Farms in Killingworth will be hosting live demonstrations and Sullivan Farms in New Milford will be offering tours and more fun events, to name a few.

If you are unable to visit any of these maple events or would like to learn more about the process at home, Valley Shore Community TV has produced a news segment titled “Maple Sugaring,” detailing Connecticut maple syrup from start to finish with interviews and high-definition visuals. For more information on maple syrup production in Connecticut, visit [ctmaple.org](http://ctmaple.org).

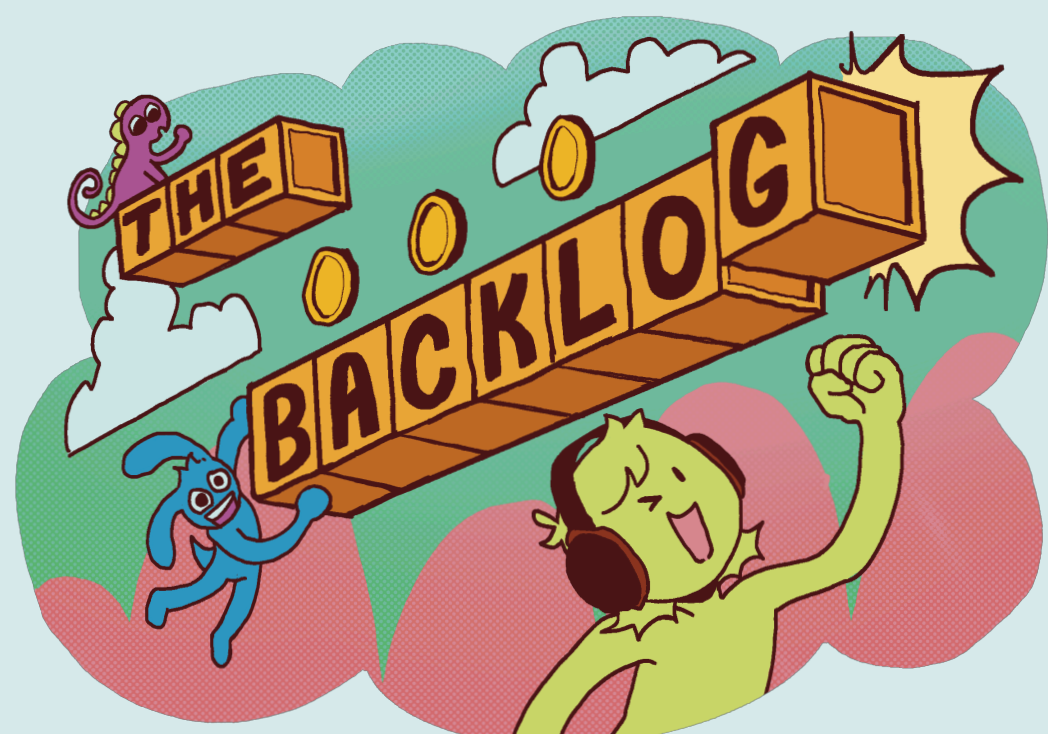




# Life

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# ‘PowerWash Simulator’ and the mysteries of Muckingham



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## Rating



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Welcome back to The Backlog, where we review games based on a certain genre each month. We are starting off March by exploring various “simulator” games, and what better way to start your spring cleaning than with “PowerWash Simulator.”

“PowerWash Simulator” was developed by FuturLab and published by Square Enix Collective in 2022. It’s available on

consoles such as PlayStation, Xbox and Nintendo Switch, and is also available for purchase through Steam. If you couldn’t already tell by the title, the game involves you playing as a local power washing company in the town of Muckingham. Through your friend Harper Shaw, you are tasked with various jobs throughout town in order to earn money and expand the company.

The first-person power-washing experience is known for being soothing and calming to players, washing away filth without a care in the world. As you progress and complete jobs, you can buy new equipment to make cleaning easier and quicker. This includes different nozzles, extensions and soaps. You are also able to customize the equipment with skins and change the appearance of your character.

There is an underlying story in “PowerWash Simulator” through the various texts you receive from Shaw and customers. Basically,

sically, the mayor’s cat, Ulysses, has gone missing. As you power wash dirt away, you may find paw prints around these locations. If you explore the surrounding areas, you can find missing posters, paw prints and sometimes even Ulysses relaxing on buildings. If you complete the story mode jobs and watch the end credits, you are shown a cutscene where Ulysses is in the back of your van with her kittens. Personally, I think that any game with cats or dogs is immediately qualified for Game of the Year, but unfortunately you cannot pet Ulysses.

The story mode is a straightforward experience, but “PowerWash Simulator” has many crossover DLCs with various games and franchises. Some of the most notable were “Tomb Raider,” “Back to the Future” and recently on Feb. 27, “Warhammer 40k.” These crossover events have more jobs for the player to clean, like the DeLorean from “Back to the Future” and the Dark Angels Deathwing Redeptor Dreadnought from “Warhammer 40k.” Basically it’s a giant mecha, which is always fun.

If you are fond of simplistic games that don’t try to stress you out, “PowerWash Simulator” is right up your alley.

I found myself not thinking about anything as I cleaned an entire house, only to realize once

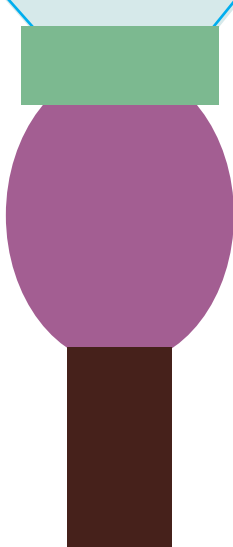
I finished, about a half an hour had passed by. It goes to show how easy it is to become hypnotized by the power washer. Large jobs like the skatepark may take more than one session to complete, but the timelapse video that plays when you’ve finished is incredibly satisfying.

I will say there are some things that aggravated me during my playthrough. For one thing, it’s incredibly easy to miss a single speck of dirt. This can make you go insane if you are trying to finish cleaning a certain part, and it doesn’t give you a 100% cleaning score because you missed one corner. It can be difficult to find exactly where the dirt is if the segment is large, like a rooftop.

Also, the ladder and scaffolding gave me issues. Although it does help you reach higher areas and clean tall buildings like in the fire station, I found it annoying how the character can have trouble going up and down the ladder. Also, the fact that the power washer will

sometimes spray the ladder instead of the building if positioned wrong was frustrating. The scaffolding is nice for tall buildings but it can become tiring to constantly climb it, clean the parts you reach, go back down, move/rotate it and repeat the process.

Despite my qualms, “PowerWash Simulator” does exactly what it sought to do: create a satisfying experience for players who want to be at peace. The only thing you need to fight against is dirt and grime.





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## HOW POWERFUL ARE OUR FRIENDSHIPS?

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When surrounded by romantic comedies and novels full of true love, it's hard not to let romance be one's ideal regarding love. I've fallen into that trap myself, believing that only romantic love could complete that part of my life that was built on connections to others. But if college has taught me anything, it is the beauty and power of my friendships.

In some ways, our society greatly emphasizes romantic love and finding your forever partner. Most books and movies center on or at least include a love story. Even news media often follows the love lives of famous people rather than their friendships. Research into the culture of the U.S. has revealed happily-ever-afters to be greatly pursued by a plurality of people. Over the years, however, dating has become harder for many, and meeting people naturally in places like work has become a rarity. Over time, women especially gradually began to focus on goals outside of finding a partner such as furthering their careers. With this changing trend, the tide has begun to turn towards friendship rather than just romance. In a piece published in The Washington Post by Renee Yaseen, Yaseen found that 60% of her female survey respondents would choose friendships over romance. And when you consider that research has shown that a person's friendships can "predict well-being and can protect against mental health issues such as depression and anxiety," the power of friendship seems obvious. Moreover, even the presence of "weak tie relationships" — the ones you form by greeting your neighbors, coworkers, and peers — increases happiness.

It is still important to remember that, for some, friendship may not be enough. We all have needs that we cannot wholly rely on our friends to fulfill; moreover, one should always be careful about placing a burden meant to be carried by many on the shoulders of just one. But I think focusing on creating these lasting friendships, even simply through phone calls and spontaneous texts, is so important for our lives. It can become extremely difficult to manage personal relationships when we're not geographically close to each other or our lives get busy, but maintaining these friendships is worth the extra effort.

Romantic love and relationships still have their place, as for many this is the relationship where they meet a person who understands them at a unique level and they can begin a family with. But platonic friendships have their way of bringing fulfillment into one's life. Indeed, the basis of every beautiful relationship is friendship. We can get so caught up in the things we don't have, especially regarding romantic love, but I've found that when you look, you often have so much more than you would expect. Looking closely at my friendships, I have found people to admire, moments of pure joy, and true acts of compassion. They have taught me what I should always expect from any relationship; people who I can call for last-minute favors and people who I can laugh with. This is so important to remember, especially when society can make you feel that not having romantic love means you're missing some big piece of life. I will admit, I still believe in romantic love and think it is good to have various forms of love in one's life. But now I know attachment can come from so many places, and that people have so many different kinds of love to give. And though they may be different, each type should be appreciated.



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## JUSTICE FOR KATHERINE COLON WAS

# DENIED

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They say justice delayed is justice denied. Sometimes, it is plainly and simply denied.

In the early morning of Sept. 21, 2023, Katherine Colon was killed by a New Britain police cruiser speeding, without its strobe lights or sirens on, to respond to a non-emergency call. Colon, 40, a mother of four and a beloved community member, was struck by officer Connor Reinsch, who was placed on restricted duty while the investigation of Colon's death was turned from the New Britain Police Department to state police.

Last week, on Feb. 24, the State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Waterbury, Maureen Platt, published a report placing the preponderance of blame for her death on Colon herself. The 132-page document, entitled "Report Regarding the Death of Katherine Colon on September 21, 2023," largely exculpated Reinsch of wrongdoing through detailed recreations of the collision, examinations of legal precedent and the results of an autopsy identifying Colon as being under the influence of fentanyl and alcohol. A state police report included in Platt's dossier charged Colon with "intentionally placing herself in unnecessary danger," ascribing intentionality to a deceased person and undercutting its own conclusion that being inebriated impaired her decision making. After offering the paltry affirmation that Colon's death to those close to her must be "undoubtedly immeasurable," Platt concluded that "the State cannot sustain its burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt to sustain a conviction" against Reinsch.

While the State's Attorney concluded that there was not sufficient evidence to convict Reinsch of any charges — including misconduct or manslaughter in the second degree, which are relatively easier to prove — the reasons for this as laid out in the report are weak. For example, the report acknowledges that at approximately 1:00 a.m., Reinsch was driving as fast as 60 miles per hour on a street where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour, and slammed into Colon at speeds as fast as 51 miles per hour. Earlier, it also notes that Reinsch was not protected by

state law loosening speed limit rules for emergency vehicles because he did not have his strobe lights or siren on. Despite this — and the fact that there were other pedestrians and eyewitnesses out and visible that early morning, meaning the possibility of individuals crossing the street was far from small — the state could not so much as accuse Reinsch of ordinary negligence, which state law defines as "from the standard of care or conduct a person should reasonably follow under the circumstances."

According to the report, Reinsch was called to respond to a burglary, the main suspect of which having already been identified and their vehicle located. If going 60 in a 25 represents the typical "standard of care" for a pursuit that was neither an active chase or deemed an emergency, then whoever wrote the Connecticut tort law has probably never been in a motor vehicle.

Colon's death is also colored by additional context. As one community member whose usual walking route passes by the site of the collision noted to Eyewitness News, "There's no cross walk down here and that's what happened. It's dangerous." The apparent lack of available crosswalks complicates the narrative that Colon was putting herself in unnecessary danger by crossing the street in the dark; on a street with pedestrians present and no crosswalks to mark their passage, shouldn't all motorists exercise caution?

To Colon's friends and family, the facts offered by police didn't add up last fall, nor do they add up now. Gathered under a broad, rapidly organized coalition

donning the name "Justice4KatherineColon" on social media, members of the community mobilized Sunday, March 3 to demand the arrest, termination and decertification of Reinsch. The protesters made the powerful display of occupying the police department building and parts of the street in order to show unmistakable support for accountability and their unwavering commitment to winning justice for Colon.

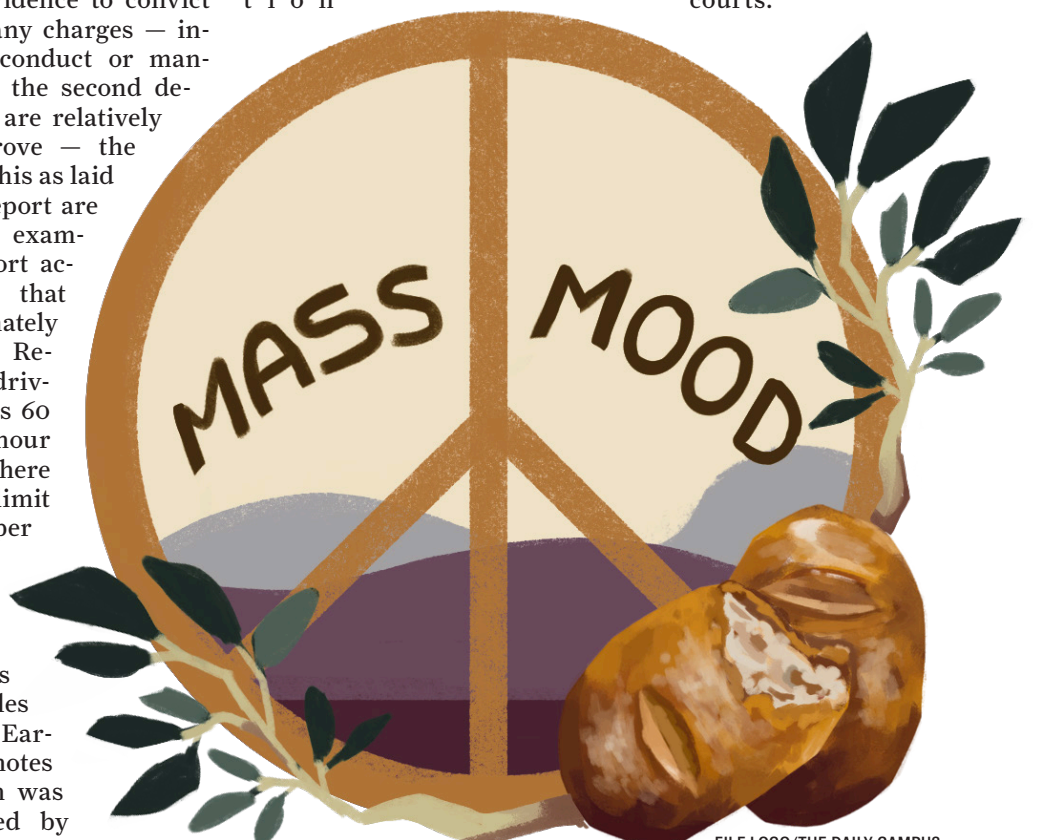
"This is a disgrace to Katherine, her family, and the entire New Britain community," the group said of Platt's report in a statement and call to action on Instagram. "The officer's reckless driving is the ultimate reason for this tragic death."

The law is not an exact science. Justice is not a formula that can cleanly accept inputs and produce a completely fair output. As such, the actions of the state, being the ultimate decision maker on matters of justice, often leaves out the frustrations and experiences of the most marginalized communities. And in a media environment that often privileges the accounts of police over the interventions of the community, a story about an intoxicated woman exhibiting careless behavior at night is much more palatable than a broader story about police being able to take lives with impunity. Students at the University of Connecticut should care about Katherine Colon and use the state's response to her death as a case study for how it can creatively skirt around police accountability. Colon, her family and friends deserve justice; the endless imagination and tremendous power of the people are far better suited to achieve that than police and courts.

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# Opinion StudyBreak

## Photo of the Day | Hillside Storrs



Horsebarn Hill overlooks a peaceful day at The University of Connecticut in Storrs, Conn. With UConn men's basketball win over Seton Hall on Mar. 3, 2024, five UConn programs took home Championships.  
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By Patti Varol

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### Monday's Puzzle Solved

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# THE DAILY CAMPUS CROSSWORD

With this year's NHL trade deadline set for March 8, here's everything you need to know about the moves that have already happened and the players that are still available.

**Crucial moves that already have happened:**

**Chris Tanev to Dallas Stars**

When fans looked at the upcoming trade deadline, this was the trade they expected to happen the most. Strangely enough, this trade involved three teams: the Calgary Flames, the Dallas Stars and the New Jersey Devils. In turn for Chris Tanev, the Flames received prospect Artem Grushnikov, a 2024 second-round draft pick and conditional third-round pick from the 2026 draft if they make it to the 2024 Stanley Cup final. The Devils received the Stars' fourth-round 2026 NHL draft pick and a portion of Tanev's contract.

"I'm super excited to get to Dallas, whenever that may be, but just really excited to be able to join

the group, get to know everyone and help the team. Sort of relieved that everything is finally done and my family and I can get settled in," Tanev said to NHL.com.

**Players who still need to sign:**

**Adam Henrique**

The Canada native and forward for the Anaheim Ducks is a player eligible to be moved by the trade deadline. This season, the 2008 Devils draft pick has 18 goals and 24 assists in 60 games played.

A likely team for Henrique to be moved to is the Colorado Avalanche. His contract with the Ducks is set to expire and he's due for a \$5.825 million cap hit. If head coach Jared Bednar paired him up with Valeri Nichushkin on the second line, they would complement the top line of Nathan MacKinnon, Artturi Lehkonen and Mikko Rantanen.

**Jacob Markström**

The Sweden native and goaltender for the Calgary Flames is another player eligible to be moved by the trade deadline. This season with the Predators, he has 21 wins in 38 games played, with a 2.57 goals against average. Even though he has had an outstanding season, it has not been the most successful for Calgary as they vie for a wildcard spot in the playoffs.

The New Jersey Devils look like a perfect team for Markström to end up on. They are in desperate need of a consistent, elite goaltender because that is something that they have been missing for quite some time. With them switching back and forth between AHL goaltenders, it will be good for the team to be able to count on Markström. A good trade is if the Devils in turn give the Flames forward Alexander Holtz and a first round draft pick for either this year's or next year's draft. Holtz is an up-and-coming forward who needs more playing time and experience within the NHL. Currently, the 2020 NHL Draft pick is simply not getting that with the Devils and I feel he could get that with the Flames.

To sum it up, there are still quite a few players who still need to sign with teams and it should be interesting to see where they end up.

# The Puck Drop: 2024 NHL trade deadline right around the corner

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The Colorado Avalanche face off against the Chicago Blackhawks on Feb 29, 2024. The Avalanche overtook the Blackhawks, with the final score being 5-0.

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## Sports

## Photo of the Day | Men's soccer



UConn men's soccer warms up to face off against CCSU on Sept 19. UConn won against CSU with a score of 3-1, making their overall record 5-2.  
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# Stratton's Stand:

## Breanna Stewart is the greatest women's college basketball player of all time

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With Caitlin Clark recently topping "Pistol" Pete Maravich to become the all-time scoring leader in college basketball, there's a lot of talk arguing that she's the women's college basketball GOAT (greatest of all time). What Clark has achieved is unquestionably incredible, but does that make her the GOAT? Probably not. I could focus this article on why Clark should not hold that title, but instead, I'm going to posit why someone else should.

That someone else is UConn's own Breanna Stewart. Stewart came into Storrs, Connecticut ranked as the top recruit in her class, hoping to take the Huskies back to the top of the sport after two Final Four campaigns. For her standards, she started off her career on the slower side. The Syracuse-native managed just 13.8 points and 6.8 rebounds a night her freshman year, but finished out the season strong. She had a great NCAA tournament, and was the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player (MOP) behind her 23 points and nine boards in the national championship game. So far, we're at one championship, one MOP and no National Player of the Year (NPOY) awards.

In her sophomore year, Stewart picked up from right where she left off. As the Huskies went 40-0, Stewart was at the heart of the effort. Her 19.4 points and 8.1 rebounds per game were the driving force behind UConn's second-straight national championship, as the forward collected her second MOP award. Along with it, she earned NPOY honors for the first time in her career.

Halfway through her career, let's pause for a moment to see how she compares to Clark. So far, Stewart has won two championships, two MOPs and one NPOY. Clark currently has zero championships, zero MOPs and one NPOY. She has the opportunity to get one more of each. Stewart after two years of college is looking favorable against Clark after 3.5.

Stewart's junior year was more of the same. Even as the Huskies were dealt a devastating overtime loss in the second game of the season to prevent consecutive undefeated seasons, the team soldiered on. They won all their remain-

ing matchups thanks to Stewart's 17.6 points per game on a fantastic 54% efficiency. For the second straight year, she swept the NPOY awards.

In her senior season, "Stewie" put together an even more efficient campaign. She shot 58% from the field and 43% from downtown en route to 19.7 points and 8.7 rebounds on a nightly basis. The forward finished her career with another undefeated season and another sweep of the

argue against such success. Not only was she part of the greatest four year run in the history of the sport, she was the best player in each of the national championships. Even if someone else has scored more points or collected more assists, nobody else has experienced more

yet alone being the best player on the team for the better part of those four years.

In all fairness, Iowa was not in a position for Clark to have Stewart's success when she came in. The Hawkeyes had been to just four Elite Eights in program history when Clark arrived, while UConn had already accumulated seven national championships when Stewart did.

If Clark started her career in a Connecticut uniform in Fall 2012, who

knows what her legacy would have been.

Rebecca Lobo was the first truly great UConn women's basketball player and \*only\* managed one national championship. She was a key cog in taking Connecticut basketball to the next level so that someone as great as Stewart could win four titles in as many years. Because Clark came into Iowa when she did, she didn't have the luxury of becoming the best player of all time. Given her volume of points, I can definitively say that she is the best scorer of all time. But without other factors like team success, she can't be the GOAT.

Taking a look at some other options in comparison to Stewart, the best four are Cheryl Miller, Chamique Holdsclaw, Candace Parker and Diana Taurasi.

Miller was incredible on the statsheet with 23.6 points per game along with 12 rebounds. These stats are better than Stewart, but her two championships, two MOPs and three NPOYs fall just short.

Holdsclaw had a similarly spectacular career, with three championships, two MOPs and two NPOYs. Still inferior to Stewart though.

Parker had 2 championships, two MOPs and two NPOYs. Once again, this is excellent, but fails to reach the level of the GOAT.

Finally, we have UConn's Taurasi, who is a bit less spectacular in the points per game category at 15. She still churned out three championships, two MOPs and two NPOYs though. This establishes her as one of the all-time greats, but still not as great as Stewie.

After looking at all of the competitive options, Stewart still rises above. She was truly sensational in her four years in Storrs and there's a good chance that nobody comes close to her legacy. Starting right after she departed, women's basketball has changed, becoming much more competitive across the board. Winning one championship is considerably harder than it once was, much less four. Until someone does what Stewart did in her four years, then there can be a conversation, but her overall body of work is unmatched.



Cecilia Zandalasini attempts a 3-point shot as Breanna Stewart tries to block the shot in the Minnesota Lynx vs Seattle Storm game at Target Center. The Storm won the game 81-72.

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awards.

Looking at our final tally, we're at four championships, four MOPs and three NPOY.

The biggest question here is how one can

knows what her legacy would have been.

Rebecca Lobo was the first truly great UConn women's basketball player and \*only\* managed one national cham-



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# THE WEEKLY REED: SCOTT BORAS' DISASTERCLASS

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This offseason for Major League Baseball has been one of the most frustrating and confusing ones in recent years, and one of the main reasons for that is Scott Boras. Boras is a popular agent among MLB players and was previously known as one of the best in the business. He has a reputation of getting more for his players by squeezing teams to overpay and give more than their market value would suggest, but this offseason has not gone well for his clients.

Headed into February, Boras had the top four remaining free agents under his control: Cody Bellinger, Matt Chapman, Blake Snell and Jordan Montgomery. All of them, with the possible exception of Chapman, were expected to earn lucrative multi-year deals that would make his players set for the rest of their careers. That is not what these deals have been shaping out to be.

Currently, only two of the top four of Boras' clients have signed to deals, with Bellinger re-signing with the Chicago Cubs and Chapman joining the San Francisco Giants. Bellinger, who is only 28 years old, entered free agency in his second consecutive season. After winning the NL Comeback Player of the Year award, he and his camp were projecting a \$200 million deal this offseason. Sadly for him, Bellinger didn't get the money he thought he deserved. On Feb. 25, he agreed to a three-year \$80 million deal to go back to Chicago, with opt-outs after each of the first two years. With this style of contract, Bellinger has the option to rejoin the free agency pool next season for his third straight offseason of being a free agent, which is not the job security he and his camp were looking for.

Arguably, Chapman did end up with a decent contract when he signed with the Giants on March 2, but his contract features the same opt-outs. While Chapman joins a revamped San Francisco team along with Jung Hoo Lee, Robbie Ray, Jorge Soler and Jordan Hicks, his contract was yet another three-year deal for the Boras Corporation, this time for \$54 million with opt-outs after the first two years. However, unlike Bellinger, Chapman at least got a fourth-year mutual option for \$20 million that can be exercised for 2027.

This leaves two of Boras' biggest clients left on the market: Snell and Montgomery. The pitching market this offseason has gone rather slowly, as even as we enter March, there are still plenty of players available. Snell is coming off an NL Cy Young Award while Montgomery is coming off a World Series championship with the Texas Rangers.

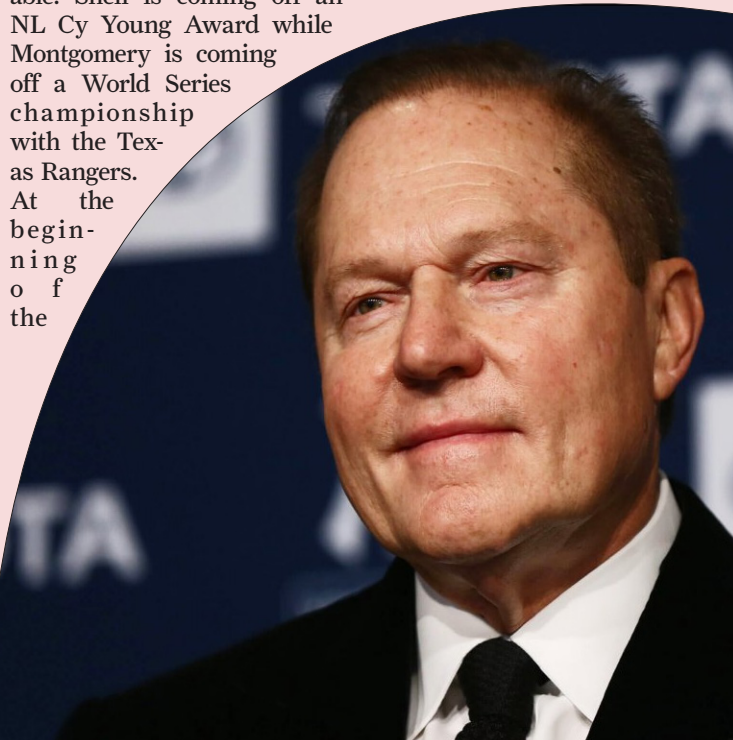
At the beginning of the

offseason, it appeared that Snell had been searching for a \$200 million deal and Montgomery had wanted a "Carlos Rodon" type deal (6yrs/\$162 M). As the market winds down, teams don't seem to be willing to answer those asking prices and the players might have to resort to short-term higher AAV deals and enter free agency again over the next few seasons.

In years prior, Boras has been able to secure long-term contracts that give his players job security. He played a vital role in getting Bryce Harper to Philadelphia, which was a 13-year deal with no opt-outs. Boras helped negotiate the Rangers championship infield from last year and their deals with Texas, getting \$500 million combined for Corey Seager (10yrs/\$325 M) and Marcus Semien (7yrs/\$175 M) with no opt-outs as well. Last season, Boras helped Xander Bogaerts increase his market value almost two-fold. Bogaerts was projected around \$160-\$180 million on a six-to-seven-year deal. He wound up getting 11 years for \$280 million to leave Boston and head to the west coast with the San Diego Padres. The last Boras client I'll mention is Gerrit Cole. Cole joined the Yankees in 2020 on a nine-year, \$324 million deal that some had been critical of at the time. Now coming off an AL Cy Young Award and three straight all-star appearances, it's hard to say that it hasn't worked out for both sides.

Long contracts with high AAV have been a staple of the Boras Corporation for years, and this strategy of dragging out free agency into spring training is nothing new to Boras. However, teams seem less afraid of his tactics this offseason, making it so his clients have to settle for smaller deals than they might have wanted.

Many are upset with how long this offseason is taking, even getting to the top of the MLB commissioner's office. MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred has openly suggested bringing in a December deadline for free agents, a statement that Boras has scoffed at in interviews. The issue is his clients seem to be upset with this process too. Rumors have spread of Jordan Montgomery's frustration of remaining unsigned through the beginning of March. It puts stress on the players to adjust to a new ballclub and not have the entirety of spring training to do so. Players need to figure out housing, where to put their kids to school and a bunch of other personal matters that get rushed when a player signs in late February or early March. Through all of this, Boras hasn't even been able to get lucrative deals for his players this year and I think he will lose clients in the future because of this year alone.



Scott Boras explains his plan to fix wage issues in minor league baseball on Feb 14, 2022. Boras is founder and owner of Boras Corporation, a sports agency that represents 175 professional baseball clients.

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# BIG EAST BALLER UPDATE No. 12:

## Player of the Year race tightens as UConn wins regular season title

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We have arrived at the final week of the regular season, and UConn has clinched its first outright Big East regular season title since 1999.

With strong performances from UConn's Tristen Newton and Creighton's Baylor Scheierman, it's safe to say that there is some competition for the Big East Player of the Year award. Let's hand out our penultimate weekly awards of the season on this edition of Big East Baller Update.

**Player of the Week: Baylor Scheierman, G, Creighton (23 PPG, 13.5 RPG, 3.5 APG, 2.5 SPG, 50 FG%, 54.5 3P%, 100 FT% in two games)**

Baylor Scheierman was undoubtedly the best player in the Big East last week, helping Creighton push for a chance at

teams are considered bubble teams for the NCAA Tournament. Villanova guard Justin Moore shot 5-10 from the floor to score 15 points, including four 3-pointers. Moore scored nine points in the first half, but the Wildcats trailed 37-34 at halftime. Thanks to eight points scored in the second half by guard Mark Armstrong, Villanova went on an 18-2 run, erasing the three-point deficit. Providence was led by forward Josh Oduro, who finished the game with 16 points, nine rebounds and two blocks. Guard Devin Carter, another Big East Player of the Year candidate, added 13 points, nine boards and three steals to lead the Friars.

**Scheierman gets hot late as No. 12 Creighton beats Kolekless No. 5 Marquette, 89-75**

When the score was 67-65, Scheierman got hot at the

**Claude's career performance leads Xavier past Georgetown, 98-93**

Desmond Claude is one of the best guards in the Big East, leading the Musketeers with a career-high 36 points on 13-20 shooting in the team's five-point win at Georgetown. Trailing the Hoyas at the half 49-37, the New Haven, Connecticut native posted 26 points in the second half. Rowan Brumbaugh and Jayden Epps helped Georgetown stay in the game with 44 combined points, including seven assists by Epps. Supreme Cook also posted a double-double with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

**Best games coming up (excluding UConn's final two games of the season. Check out the previews on these games later this week!)**

**Providence at Georgetown (7 p.m., FS1)**



No. 3 UConn runs away with the win against Seton Hall with a score of 91-61 for their last home match of the season on March 3, 2024. The win secured the Big East regular season title, which is the program's first since 1999.

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the No. 2 seed in the Big East Tournament. The Aurora, Nebraska native recorded a double-double in both of the Bluejays' massive wins, including putting up 26 points, 16 rebounds, four assists and two steals in a top-5 win over then-No. 5 Marquette. The senior guard made six 3-pointers in both games last week and looks to make a push for the Big East Player of the Year award. Scheierman ranks third in the conference in scoring with 18.5 points per game and averages 8.9 rebounds per game, which ranks second in the Big East.

**Freshman of the Week: Stephon Castle, G, UConn (vs. Seton Hall: 21 pts, 4 reb, 3 ast, 2 stl, 9-12 FG)**

Castle has tied Syracuse legend Carmelo Anthony for the most Big East Freshman of the Week honors with ten this season with one more week in the regular season. The Covington, Georgia native excelled in UConn's final home game of the season, tying his career high of 21 points on 75% shooting from the floor. Those who questioned why Castle is projected as a top-10 pick in the NBA Draft saw why they were wrong on Sunday.

**Top Games Villanova holds on to bubble status and pushes Providence out of the projected field, 71-60**

The Amica Mutual Pavilion is considered one of the toughest places to win on the road in the Big East. Villanova was not intimidated. Both

right time and made three straight 3-pointers late in the game, sparking a 20-8 game-ending run. He proved that he was worthy of this week's Big East Player of the Week honor, along with keeping himself in the race for the Big East Player of the Year award. Without s t a r



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guard Tyler Kolek and starting big man Oso Ighodaro, Marquette still managed to fight in this game. Guard Kam Jones led the Golden Eagles in scoring last season and led the way in this one with help from forward David Joplin. Jones scored 23 points on 9-16 shooting, while Joplin made his performance known with 21 points, with most of his scoring coming when Marquette went on a run in the second half. Along with Scheierman, center Ryan Kalkbrenner finished with 19 points and guard Trey Alexander had a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

It's an ugly game, but this is the rematch for former Providence head coach Ed Cooley as he faces the Friars as the head coach at Georgetown. In their first matchup this season, Providence won 84-76, led by a thrilling 29-point performance by Carter. This is a must-win game for Providence, now coached by Kim English. A loss at Georgetown would likely burst the Friars' bubble. If they can earn the team's 19th win of the season tonight, it will set up a massive game for Providence's résumé as they host No. 2 UConn on Saturday night.

**Villanova at Seton Hall (Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., FS1)**

Both teams have work to do to make cases as an at-large team in the NCAA Tournament. Villanova has gained momentum, winning four of the team's last five games, including a massive road win at Providence. Seton Hall, led by guard Kadary Richmond, is looking to go into next week's Big East Tournament as potentially one of the last four teams in the field. It's a must-win game for both teams, with the result possibly making or breaking their season.

**No. 10 Creighton at Villanova (Saturday, 2:30 p.m., FOX)**

Creighton could finish the season in second place in the Big East. With the status of Marquette guard Tyler Kolek in the air, it opens the door for Creighton to capture the No. 2 seed in the Big East Tournament. For Villanova, receiving votes in Monday's AP Poll and winning out would be ideal for their tournament hopes.

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# WOMEN'S SOCCER:

## Huskies shake off early rust, tie Harvard in spring season opener

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On Aug. 27 of last year, the UConn women's soccer team left Cambridge, Mass. with a 2-1 loss at the hands of the Harvard Crimson. For the first 60 minutes of Sunday evening's spring season opener, it looked like the Huskies would suffer an even worse fate on their home turf, Joseph J. Morrone Stadium.

The Crimson started scoring in the fifth minute when defender August Hunter, who played phenomenal defense all game, made a precision pass for Josefine Hasbo. Hasbo sent the ball past goalkeeper Kaitlyn Mahoney, putting the Crimson up 1-0. UConn came back firing on the other end with multiple corner kick opportunities in the seventh and eighth minutes, but all they could muster at the net was a header that went out of bounds

from forward Chioma Okafor.

Hasbo once again pushed the pace the other way for Harvard, centering the ball for sophomore Audrey Francois who dished it off to Nicola Golen. Golen netted the goal and established a 2-0 Harvard lead 10 minutes into the game. UConn looked dead in the water with the only sign of life in the first period coming in the 22nd minute when Anaya Johnson's shot on goal hit the top of the crossbar. The horn sounded after 30 minutes and UConn went into the second period down 2-0.

The second period was mostly a chess match between the two squads as MaryKate Ward took over in net for the Huskies. Ward thwarted an early opportunity from Ólöf Kristinsdóttir in the 32nd minute and then UConn had a chance of their own a minute later. Laci Lewis crossed the ball into the center of the field, but it was caught by Harvard's goalkeeper Rhi-

annon Stewart. Stewart, who hails from London, England, shut out the Huskies for the first two periods with multiple diving saves. The 40th and 41st minutes held golden opportunities for UConn, as shots on goal by Okafor, Johnson and freshman Lydia LeBlanc could not find the back of the net. The Huskies remained down 2-0 at the end of the second period.

The third period was all UConn with a mix of young and old blood leading the way. Freshman Elizabeth DiBlasi, who did not see any playing time in the fall season, took over in net for the Huskies while sophomore Denver Tolson entered the net for the Crimson. The momentum change was evident, as in the first three minutes of the period. UConn constantly applied pressure onto the Crimson. In the 64th minute, Okafor made a cross from the left to the right side of the turf. After a centered kick by a Husky, freshman Al-

exandra Taylor headed the ball into the back of the net. The North Stonington native stayed down after the play but was able to walk back on her own weight.

The Huskies had another attempt in the 67th minute with a header off the crossbar while on the other end the Crimson had one of their own, which was saved by DiBlasi. The 71st minute brought chaos after the ball was centered by the Huskies. Goalkeeper Tolson and defender Jade Rose collided, leaving a loose ball to be knocked in by Okafor. Okafor was very verbal after her goal, encouraging the team to keep up the intensity on the offensive and defensive ends.

The goalies began to shine as DiBlasi had a diving grab off a Harvard free kick in the 73rd minute. Tolson then returned the favor in the 74th minute with a diving save of her own. The 76th minute was a scramble for the ball on Harvard's

side of the field until it was finally cleared by the Crimson. Both teams had one more opportunity to score, as UConn had a shot on net in the 86th minute and on the other end, an entry pass from the Crimson was behind Kristinsdóttir.

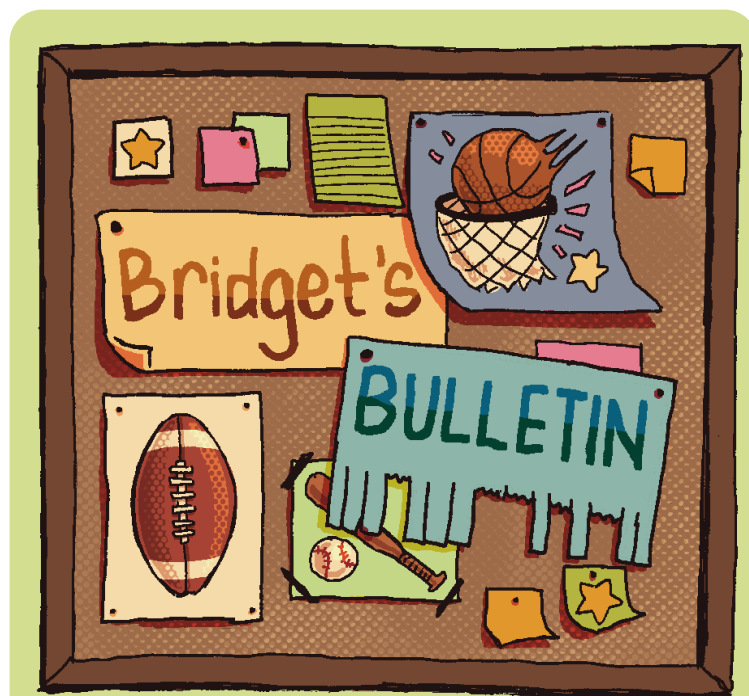
The game ended in a 2-2 draw and UConn head coach Margaret Rodriguez should be very happy with the future of the Huskies. Okafor, just a sophomore, is not only one of the best players on the team, but also a vocal leader. Freshman Maya Mathis played exceptional defense the entire third period to go along with the excellent goalkeeper play by DiBlasi and the header goal by Taylor. This UConn team should be in the Big East title picture next season, and the years to come.

The Huskies' next game is at home against Canada's National Development Centres on March 22 at 3 p.m.



UConn women's soccer ties against Harvard University at Morrone Stadium on March 3, 2024. UConn was down 0-2 at the end of the first period and came back to tie the game 2-2.

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# The New York Rangers' roundup and Rempe's uproar

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Just under 60 games into the regular season, the New York Rangers have been a consistent and dominant force on the ice for the better half of the year.

After climbing the ladder to the top of the Metropolitan Division and adding explosive rookie Matt Rempe, the group has found themselves in the spotlight. While the team was relatively strong last season, finishing third in the division with a 47-22-13 record, the group has been much more consistent this year.

The newfound success of the Rangers might not come as much of a surprise as they parted ways with head coach Gerard Gallant after 2023's major postseason disappointment. Last year, the Rangers fell to the New Jersey Devils in the first round of the postseason.

Gallant's replacement, Peter Laviolette, not only has a massive resume but has appeared to quickly change last season's morale.

Laviolette, who previously coached the New York Islanders, Carolina Hurricanes, Philadelphia Flyers, Nashville Predators and Washington Capitals, is no stranger to the Rangers, as he played 12 games with the franchise in the 1988-89 season.

As a coach, Laviolette has been immensely successful. With 1,430 games to his name, his 752-503-150 record favors victory. The veteran coach also ranks no. 8 all-time NHL coaching wins with 752.

Laviolette also has an encouraging record in the postseason, which is critical for New York after last season's upset. Throughout his 21 seasons as a coach, Laviolette led his teams to the postseason 12 times. Additionally, he brought his teams to the Stan-

ley Cup Finals in 2006, 2010 and 2017 and went on to win the 2006 Stanley Cup with the Hurricanes.

As a result of his versatility and resilience as a head coach, Laviolette has shown great promise for the future of the Rangers.

Despite their success, New York's 10-game winning streak came to an end as they fell to the Maple Leafs this past Saturday in a 3-2 overtime upset.

Despite this unforeseen fall, New York has been skating circles around their opponents.

The team has also gained significant media attraction as rookie Rempe has become one of the main topics of conversation for the

in Hartford, Rempe put up six goals and four assists.

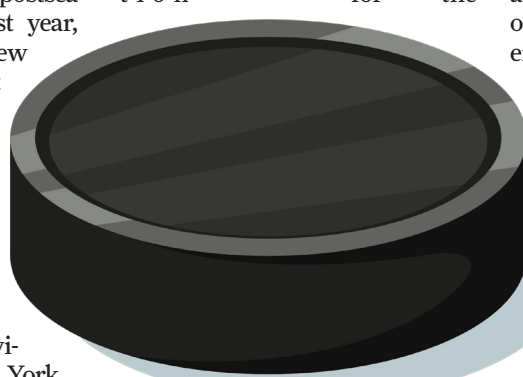
Now, the forward has already made waves in the league. Rempe made history as the first athlete to make their NHL debut at an outdoor game during the Rangers series against the Islanders.

After taking his solo lap, Rempe continued to make history. In his first-ever shift on the ice and just over one minute into the game, the rookie dropped his gloves to face off with Islanders veteran Matt Martin. After trading several punches, the officials stepped in, but Rempe already had the crowd electric.

Now, Rempe has already made a name for himself as a "fighter on the ice" after getting into several more tussles in his short time in the NHL. While the reviews are mixed and viewers appear to either love or hate him, there's no denying the old-school spark he brings to the ice. With mixed headlines calling him a "fan favorite" and others claiming he needs to be "saved from himself," the young star has certainly brought new heat to the game.

As for the veterans, Artemi Panarin is arguably having his best season yet. With 35 goals, 49 assists and resilience like no other, Panarin has consistently led the team to victory. Interestingly enough, the last time Panarin had similar stats was his first season with the Rangers, where he earned 32 goals and 63 assists. While the 2023-2024 season is far from over, Panarin is on the trajectory to make this year his best to date.

Coming up, the Rangers have a stacked lineup of opponents and are looking to get back on track with their previous winning streak.



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NHL. The newcomer has already made waves and sparked some controversy for the league, as he's made his mark after appearing in just seven games. The rookie can often be found dropping his gloves to throw a punch, taking on veterans in fights and most recently, sporting a black eye.

The Canada native was called up to the NHL as an injury replacement for Blake Wheeler following a season-ending injury.

Prior to his NHL debut, Rempe was local to Connecticut, as he played in the AHL for the Hartford Wolf Pack for two seasons. During his first year